Self Employment Programme

89. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether self employment programme for urban youths has been implemented in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. This Ministry is implementing two Centrally sponsored urban employment programmes namely, Nehru Rojgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) for urban youth in Tamil Nadu.

(b) NRY:-The scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) is being implemented since October, 1989 for providing self employment opportunities to the urban poor living below the poverty line. From the inception of the programme till 30.6.97, 1,09,500 urban poor have been assisted in setting up self employment units under SUME in Tamil Nadu.

PMIUPEP:-This scheme has self employment as one of its many components for the urban poor living in Class-II Urban Agglomerations. The scheme is being implemented in 41 towns of Tamil Nadu.

(c) Does not arise.

Kashmiri Migrants

90. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the migrant teachers of Government School were gunned down in Udhampur distt. of Jammu by militants recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition are conducive for sending back the migrants to Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for forcing the migrants back to the valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On June 15, 1997 at about 17.45 hrs. a passenger bus coming from Jammu to Gool was stopped by armed terrorists near Grate Morh, 7 kms. short of Gool in district Udhampur. The terrorists asked all the passengers to come down and segregated three members of the minority Kashmiri Pandit community and took them away to a distance where they were shot dead. The deceased were one Principal and two lecturers of the Government Higher Secondary School, Gool who were returning to their duties after summer vacation.

(c) to (e) There has been a marked decrease in the overall level of violence after the formation of an elected Government in J & K. Continued efforts are made to further improve the security situation in the State. The matter of return and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandits to their homes is an important priority of the State Government. The State Government is preparing an action plan for their return, which may take some time to get final shape since the issue has to be tackled on politico-economic basis.

Employment Exchange for Women

91. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of women seeking jobs through employment exchange is increasing but there is no corresponding increase in the jobs provided to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, Statewise;

(c) whether the Government propose to open separate employment exchange for women;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to set up separate Employment Exchanges for women as the existing system is felt sufficient to take care of all types of job-seekers including women.

[Translation]

Complaints Against CPWD

92. DR. M.P. JAISWAL:

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received against CPWD by the public grievances cell under the Cabinet Secretariat during the last four months;

(b) the details of complaints disposed of by the said cell;